(b) the details of enhancements, if any, thereof targeted year-wise till the end of the Eleventh and Twelfth Five Year Plans respectively indicating proposed share of Railways in the total freight traffic which the trend of the growth rate of domestic economy is expected to be generating, and their cost estimations and funding patterns; and

(c) the current status of the proposed Delhi-Mumbai freight corridor project indicating the pace of its implementation targeted, if any, for the next five years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The target for loading in 2006-07, upto March 31, 2007 was fixed at 726 million tonnes as this was considered to be the potential. The actual loading done in 2006-07 is 728.41 million tonnes. The target for 2007-08 has been fixed at 785 million tonnes based on assessed potential.

(b) The Eleventh Five Year Plan is under finalization.

(c) Freight corridor on Western Route between Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNPT), New Mumbai and Tughlakabad/Dadri is a sanctioned project of Railways. A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) named Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) has been formed to implement the project. As per the present estimate, work on the project will be completed in about 5 years after the start of construction of the project.

Train from Chhattisgarh to Amritsar

†4091. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that South Eastern Railway had assured to introduce 2409/2410 UP train from Chhattisgarh to Amritsar in the year 2005 *vide* their letter No. DRM/R/1003/1966 dated July 21, 2004;

(b) whether it is also a fact that two new platforms have been constructed at Amritsar in the meanwhile due to which problem of terminal station has been solved;

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(c) if so, whether Government would introduce 2409/2410 up train from Chhattisgarh to Amritsar to meet the long pending demand of the people of Chhattisgarh and to save their time;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (e) No, Sir. However, 8507/8508 Visakhapatnam-Nizamuddin Hirakud Express (Tri-weekly) has been extended upto Amritsar from 16.03.2007. Besides, 8237/8238 Bilaspur-Amritsar Chhattisgarh Express is connecting Chhattisgarh upto Amritsar. At present, there is no proposal to extend 2409/2410 Bilaspur-Nizamuddin Gondwana Express to Amritsar due to operational and resource constraints.

Racks required for distribution of salt

†4092. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the basis for fixing priority regarding railway racks by his Ministry;

(b) whether "C Priority" is given to the salt distributed through public distribution system;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of racks required every month for distribution of salt as per its demand in the State of Chhattisgarh and by when these would be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Priority 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' for allotment of rakes for various commodities is determined as per Preferential Traffic Schedule Government Order, issued each year, which comes into force on 1st April and unless cancelled earlier, remains in force till 31st March of the next calendar year.

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